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SUBJ: EXPULSION ORDER TO AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

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1. THE THREE MISSIONARIES ORDERED EXPELLED FROM MOROCCO, MR. & MRS. THORNDIKE AND MISS LYONS, HAVE BEEN GIVEN UNTIL MARCH 15 TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THIS AMOUNTS TO ONE MONTH EXTENSION.

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OFFICIALLY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE DATED MARCH 7, SUBJECTS ARE BEING EXPELLED BECAUSE OF PROSELYTIZING, WHICH IS ILLEGAL UNDER MOROCCAN CONSTITUTION. WE WERE TOLD UNOFFICIALLY BY AHMED BOURZAIM, HEAD OF CONSULAR SERVICES SECTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, THAT NOTHING FURTHER COULD BE DONE FOR THEM AND THAT CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE ORPHANAGE UNDER MISSIONARIES WAS DOUBTFUL. HE THOUGH IT WOULD PROBABLY BE CLOSED BEFORE END OF THIS YEAR.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ACCUSATION RE PROSELYTIZING COMES FROM CAID OF AZROU, WHERE ORPHANAGE LOCATED. WE GATHER FROM CHURCH SOURCES THAT ACCUSATION WELL FOUNDED.

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